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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly amend the specification at page 7, lines 9-11, as follows:

The starting compounds of the formulae (II), (III) and (IV) are known and commercially obtainable, or can be prepared by literature processes. For example, 2,3-disubstituted thiophenes can be prepared as described in J. Chem. Soc., Perkin 1, 22, (1976), 2344 pages 2355-2363.